

# Members of Film Expedition Fight Alaskan Wilds to Save Lives

## 100-MILE TRAMP IN SNOW AFTER AIRPLANE CRASH

### Relief Pilots Locate Trio As Third Craft Prepares For Rescue

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, June 6.—Hardships suffered by members of a film aerial expedition, when it was forced down by fog in snowbound Northern Alaska more than three weeks ago, were revealed today in messages telling of their trip to Point Barrow.

The story of how three of the expedition's members walked nearly 100 miles in the snow and bitter cold was relayed from Kotzebue by Matt Nieminen and Richard Heyser, relief plane fliers, who returned just as a second relief plane was about to leave to search for the five film men and two relief aviators.

After braving the Arctic's blast for three weeks, R. S. Merrill, pilot, Charles G. Clarke, director, and Jack Robertson, cameraman, are recovering in a makeshift hospital at Point Barrow from the exposure suffered on their long hike.

Although forced down, Noel Wien, pilot, and L. Virgil Hart, leader of the expedition, were able to continue by plane to Point Barrow, Alaska's northernmost tip, and conducted unsuccessful searches for their companions, who left Fairbanks in another plane May 11 in company with Hart and Wien.

Blocked by fog, the planes became separated, and two days after leaving Fairbanks were forced to land about 100 miles south of Point Barrow. Hart and Wien landed on a lake in deep snow on May 13, and after changing to big tires were able to continue to Point Barrow, arriving there May 14.

Wien and Hart then started in search of their companions and were unsuccessful, although they traveled more than 2,200 miles in 24 hours flying time.

After the arrival of the relief plane which left on May 25, Nieminen and Wien located the other planes. Searchers traveling by dog team found Merrill about 30 miles from Point Barrow and four days ago Nieminen picked up Robertson and Clarke at about the same place where Merrill was found.

Merrill was temporarily snowbound; Clarke had broken down tendons and Robertson was suffering from frost-bitten toes and fingers and stomach trouble. All are expected to recover in a few days when Merrill and Wien hope to get the other planes and fly to Fairbanks.

Hart, in his message to Ewin Scott, member of the expedition left here, said that he had received messages at Barrow but cannot send. They can hear Stations WUV, Seward, Alaska; KSL, Nome; WVG, Washington.

The messages from Hart and Wien were taken from Barrow to Kotzebue by Niemen and Heyser, who arrived there Monday night. Kotzebue is a

## Fears Byrd Will Fly Off Earth on Pole Trip

NEW YORK, June 6 (AP).—William Glenn Voliva, who firmly believes the earth is flat, fears Commander Richard E. Byrd will fly off the edge of it should he cross the Antarctic plateau.

"If Byrd flies over those icy mountains," he said, "I'm afraid he'll never come back."

The overseaser of Zion City, Ill., who returned on the Laconia yesterday from a four-months' tour of Europe, enlarged upon his theory of the earth being flat.

"The world is flat as a plate and as round," he asserted. "There's a North Pole, certainly, in the center of that plate, and the sun moves around it like an orange."

"But you'll notice that the sun never goes any farther north than the Tropic of Cancer, and never any farther south than the Tropic of Capricorn. This business of the sun setting and the sun rising is only an optical illusion. It doesn't prove that the earth is round."

Voliva said he expected to follow all developments of the Byrd expedition.

Little settlement 100 miles north of Nome.

## CHICAGO BEAUTY WINS TITLE OF WORLD QUEEN

GALVESTON, Tex., June 6.—Adjudged the most beautiful of 42 bathing girls, 10 of whom were from foreign countries, Miss Ella Van Husson of Chicago, today started her reign as "Beauty Queen of the Universe."

She was awarded that title at the conclusion of the third annual International Pageant of Pulchritude here last night, after having been acclaimed as "Miss United States," in competition with 31 American girls Monday evening.

The Chicago girl was crowned "Miss Universe" by Miss Dorothy Britton, of Jersey City, N. J., who won that honor last year. In addition to the right to wear a gold crown, the new queen also received a silver plaque describing her as the most beautiful of the beauty ambassadors assembled here and a cash award of \$2,000.

## EDGE SECRETARY'S SON IS BADLY HURT BY AUTO

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Boy, the 11-year-old son of Robert A. Zachary, secretary to United States Senator Edge, of New Jersey, suffered a broken leg and possible fracture of the thigh yesterday when struck by an automobile near his home in the northwest section of the city.

The boy had just stepped from a bus when he was struck by a car said to have been driven by an army officer.

## MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROJECT FAVORED

### Conference Delegates Plan to Seek Aid from Original States

Construction of a national memorial bridge at Washington Crossing received an enthusiastic endorsement at a conference yesterday afternoon of New Jersey and Pennsylvania representatives interested in the project. It was planned to enlist the aid of the remaining 11 of the original States and to lay the idea before Congress at an early date.

The meeting was held at the Hill top estate of John L. Kuser, north of Titusville, and was attended by Governor Moore, members of Congress from the two States, the New Jersey Board of Conservation and Development, the Pennsylvania Washington Crossing Memorial Park Commission and members of Governor Fisher's cabinet. The party made an inspection of the park on both sides of the river and later were the guests of Mr. Kuser at a business luncheon.

Representative Charles A. Eaton, of the Fourth New Jersey District, said that he would be glad to join in a movement for a Federal appropriation and added that he knew of no event in American history more meritorious of recognition. He followed Representative Henry W. Watson, of Pennsylvania, as a speaker. Mr. Watson pointed out the many difficulties in obtaining Federal aid, but urged the advocates not to be discouraged by that fact. It was his suggestion that the 13 original States be invited to contribute toward making the structure a reality.

A resolution was adopted whereby the Congressional representatives of the two States get behind the project and bring it to the attention of Congress. The significance of the crossing of the Delaware by Washington and his heroic Continental Army was national rather than local, it was stated, and should be suitably marked.

Mr. Kuser outlined the work being done in developing parks on the opposite shores of the river, and Charles E. Dorworth, Pennsylvania secretary of forests and streams, advocated that the proposed bridge be linked with the building of a memorial road from New York to Philadelphia, known as "the Washington Crossing boulevard."

Pennsylvania was represented at the conference by the following: Of the Washington Crossing Park Commission of Pennsylvania: Allen W. Hagenbach, president.

W. Clayton Hackett, secretary; Henry V. Pickering, Edwin B. Malone, Samuel C. Eastburn, William D. Ridgway, Thomas Scott, Ernest R. Harvey, assistant secretary.

Charles E. Dorworth, Secretary of Forests and Waters; General Frank D. Beary, Adjutant General; James L. Stuart, Secretary of Highways; Benson E. Taylor, Secretary of Property and Supplies; Arthur P. Townsend, Budget Secretary; Nathan R. Buller, Commissioner of Fisheries; Frederic A. Codrington, State Librarian; Horace W. Schantz, President pro tem of Pennsylvania State Senate.

Congressman Henry W. Watson, of Bucks County; Thomas Cochran, of Mercer-Venango Counties; Frederic W. McGarry, of Northumberland-Monroe Counties; Harold Beltzer, Secretary Solon League; State Senator; Clarence J. Buckman, of Bucks County; Dr. W. Albertson Haines, Assemblyman from

## Kills Father to Save Stepmother



Joseph Fiori, (left), 12 years old, with his stepmother, Mrs. Sam Fiori. Joseph shot and killed his father, wealthy operator of a trucking agency in Detroit, when the latter struck Mrs. Fiori.

Bucks County; Judge William C. Ryan, of Bucks County.

New Jersey delegates were Governor Moore, John L. Kuser, C. P. Wilber, State Forester; Howard F. McConnell, Dr. H. B. Kummel, Col. Henry L. Moeller, Walter E. Robb, Senator William E. Florence, Arthur W. Drake, former Senator J. Gilbert Borton, Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman, Congressman Eaton and Col. Mahlon R. Margerum.

## \$400,000,000 IN JUNE TREASURY FINANCING

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Announcement of June Treasury financing totaling \$400,000,000 was made today by Secretary Mellon, with the offering of two short term issues of Treasury certificates for that amount, bearing 4 and 3 1/2 per cent interest. The 4 per cent series runs for six months, maturing December 15, and the 3 1/2 per cent, certificates nine months, maturing March 15, 1929. The certificates are tax exempt and the amount of each series is \$200,000,000.

While no refunding of third Liberty bonds, which mature September 15, was authorized in the announcement, Secretary Mellon said the Treasury Department expects shortly to invite tenders of third Liberty loan bonds for purchase by the Treasury on account of surplus money.

## STEVENS APPOINTS PROBE COMMITTEE

### Civil Service and Primary Election Frauds to Be Investigated

Senate President William A. Stevens made formal announcement today of the personnel of the legislative committee to inquire into the affairs of the Civil Service Commission and other questions of public interest.

In addition to Senator Stevens and House Speaker Thomas L. Hanson, the members are: Senators Clarence E. Case, of Somerset; Joseph H. Forstner, of Camden, and Henry O. Carhart, of Warren; Assemblymen Howard F. Barrett, of Morris; John M. Ward, of Passaic, and Morris E. Barlow, of Hudson. Carhart and Barlow are Democrats.

A plank in the Republican party platform recommends that this committee investigate alleged election frauds at the recent primary in Hudson County and elsewhere.

It is understood that Russell Watson, of New Brunswick, will be the probe counsel. Senator Case is said to have agreed to become a member of the body only upon the condition he be permitted to name counsel and Watson is reported to be his choice. The two are personal friends and were associated as defense counsel at the trial of the Hall-Mills murder case.

Frank B. Davis, of Gloucester, party chairman, will meet and organize on Thursday, June 14, at the State House. Senator Case is in line for the post of chairman.

One of the questions to which the latter body will give attention is a plan for the division of costs in grade crossing eliminations among the railroads, the State and the interested municipalities or counties.

## HART, 60, KILLED, MOTORIST SOUGHT

BURLINGTON, June 6.—Police of this section are making every effort to apprehend the driver of a car that struck and killed Hugh Hart, 60-year-old workman at the State Masonic Home, on the Jacksonville Road, early this morning.

Authorities believe the man, blinded by the heavy storm while walking on the road to the Masonic Home, failed to note the approach of an automobile. Injuries of the man's body indicated the machine was traveling at a high rate of speed. The man died instantly.

The body was discovered lying on the road by Ross Craft, of the Jacksonville Road, who was driving to Burlington. At 2 1/2 o'clock it was found, but he feared it he observed it to be Hart's body. He notified Burlington police, who in turn communicated with police in other towns in that section.

Until relatives have been located, the body is being held at the morgue of W. W. Slack & Sons, Burlington.

## REAL ESTATE LICENSES TEMPORARILY REVOKED

Three Mercer County real estate operators have been temporarily deprived of their licenses as the result of complaints filed against them before the New Jersey Real Estate Commission.

The three affected are: Horace G. Cogdell, 211 Ballerue Avenue; Thomas J. McLaughlin, of 512 Farragut Avenue; and Samuel E. McCue, of Hightstown. The operators' permits were suspended until June 29th.

## Bishop Says 500,000 To Sign Against Smith

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 6 (AP).—A petition containing 500,000 signatures protesting against the nomination of Al Smith is being prepared for presentation to the Democratic national convention, according to Bishop H. M. DuBoise of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In an address here last night the bishop said he would "turn Republican" if the New York Governor were nominated.

Bishop DuBoise is head of the Southland Safety Protest Commission and president of the Tennessee Anti-Saloon League. His headquarters is at Nashville.

## BANK STOCK SALE BRINGS NEW HIGHS

### Holdings Auctioned by Mechanics to Settle Estate.

### Bidding Is Spirited

At an auction sale of blocks of stock of some of the local banks, held yesterday afternoon by the trust department of the Mechanics National Bank to settle an estate, new record prices were established.

Fifteen shares of stock of the Broad Street National Bank were sold. John R. Summerfelt acquired five of these at \$500 a share and David Holzner got the remaining ten at \$775 a share. A block of stock of the First National Bank was sold as follows: Harold Ray, cashier of the Mechanics National Bank, bought five shares at \$450, five shares at \$535 and 10 shares at \$550; William C. Ehret bought five shares at \$540 and another five at \$545; John R. Summerfelt bought five shares at \$540 and David Lavash got ten shares at \$535.

Theodore Tobish purchased 15 shares of the Mechanics National Bank stock at \$395 a share and Karl Weidel bought 20 shares at \$380 a share.

Of the Trenton Banking Company stock offered ten shares at \$320 a share went to Willett Dennis, who also bought 20 shares at \$325, ten shares at \$330 and five shares at \$335. Theodore Tobish bought five shares at \$335 and David Gross bought eleven shares at \$325.

## DOCILE PRISONER MAKES GETAWAY

NEWARK, N. J., June 6.—Nathaniel Butler, Negro, "the most docile man" ever arrested by Newark police, is at large again today, after having left yesterday in the custody of Detective Sergeant G. Z. Parker, of Richmond, Va.

Both Parker and his prisoner presented the suggestion of detectives here that the officer should attach one side of the handcuffs to his own wrist. "I'm the most docile man you ever saw," Butler said. So Parker handcuffed his wrists together.

Police Chief McRell this morning received the following telegram: "Be on lookout for Nathaniel Butler, who escaped from me just after we left Trenton."

Butler had stolen an automobile.

## CRASH VICTIMS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

### Pair Seriously Hurt in Smashup at Freehold—Broken Jug Found

Little hope is held for the recovery of two men taken to the Long Branch Hospital yesterday in a critical condition after their automobile jumped a curb and struck a tree in front of the "Elks" Home in Freehold.

The men are George Hellock, 24 years old, of Bay Avenue, Highlands, N. J., suffering from a fractured jaw, concussion of the brain and possible broken neck; and Elmer J. Miller, 32 years old, of 60 Cornwall Street, Highlands, who sustained a fracture.

At the institution, Miller declared that Hellock was operating the machine at the time, but Freehold police have found a witness who states that Miller was driving. Should either of the victims' hurts prove fatal, the survivor will be held on a manslaughter charge, police said.

The witness declared that the machine, which was traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to make a slight turn in the road. It jumped the curb, struck the tree and caromed off, stopping 30 feet beyond. Both men were tossed from the car. A broken gallon jug, which police said had contained intoxicating liquor was found in the vehicle.

## BRICKLAYERS TO MEET

Monday evening, a special meeting of the Bricklayers and Plasterers' Association will be held in the Ribban Building. All members are asked to be present.

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